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Klamath National Forest Recreation Sites Open for the Upcoming Holiday Weekend

(Yreka, CA) – The Klamath National Forest is ready to welcome visitors for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Many campgrounds and recreation sites across the Forest are already open.

Camping

While most popular campgrounds fill up, there are many camping opportunities throughout the Forest. Campgrounds on the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District are open. The water system at Kangaroo Campground is undergoing repairs; potable water will be available sometime in June when the repairs are finished.

On the Goosenest Ranger District all campgrounds will be open beginning on Saturday, May 18th with the exception of Martin's Dairy Horse Camp, which is scheduled to open in July following the installation of a new toilet.

On the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District most campgrounds are open. O'Neil Creek Campground, near Hamburg, will remain closed this season as major repairs are made to upgrade the water system. Visitors may choose to camp at nearby Sarah Totten Campground until the repairs are completed.

Please remember that due to the potential to start wildfires, fireworks are not permitted on the National Forest. Campfire permits may be obtained at any Forest Service office.

Reservations

Many campgrounds feature sites that are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservable camping opportunities include Juanita Lake Group Campsite on the Goosenest Ranger District, Tree of Heaven Campground, Sarah Totten Campground Group Campsites and Curly Jack Campground Group Campsites on the Happy Camp / Oak Knoll Ranger District, and Indian Scotty Group Campsite and Carter Meadows Horse Group Campsite on the Salmon / Scott River Ranger District.

There is a non-refundable convenience fee for using the reservation system; the fee is \$10.00 for phone reservations and \$9.00 for web reservations. Reservations can be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling the toll free number 1-877-444-6777.

The Klamath National Forest combines appropriated funds with recreation fees to help maintain amenities and provide services at recreation sites across the Forest. The majority of funds collected at fee campsites remain on the Forest to operate, maintain and improve facilities and programs at the sites where fees are collected.

Trails

With recent warm temperatures, trails at higher elevations are opening quickly but visitors may encounter snow above 6,200 feet. Caution should be used when crossing streams without bridges as water levels can change quickly with continued snow melt.

For additional information call the nearest District office or visit the Klamath National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.

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